Procurement of raw Jute in West Bengal

141. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of raw jute (in bales) procured by Jute Corporation on India (JCI), month-wise, from July, 97 till date in West Bengal;

(b) the number of JCI purchase centres engaged in Price Support Operation in the current jute season (month-wise figure till date); and

(c) the district-wise procurement by JCI in West Bengal so far in the present season?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The month-wise procurement of raw jute by the JCI in West Bengal is given below:—

(in balance of 180 Kgs.)

Month	Procurement in W.B.
July	582
August	60,418
Spetember	1,22,333
October	1,29,167
November (upto 11.11.'97)	34,444
TOTAL:	3,46,944

(b) The Statewise details of the numbers of Purchase Centres of JCI involved in price support operation as on 11.11.1997 are given below:—

States	No. of Purchase Centres in operation
West Bengal	96
Bihar	19
Assam	24
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	6
Andhra Pradesh	11
Tripura	3
TOTAL:	160

(c) The District-wise procurement by JCI in West Bengal upto 11.11.1997 are given below:—

District	Total Procurement (Bales of 180 Kgs.)
24 Paraganas North & South	41,944
Howrah, Hooglhy & Midnapore	26,667
Nadia	75,444
Murshidabad	75,944
Malda, North & South Dinajpur	44,889
Jalpaiguri & Darjeeling	24,772
Coochbehar	57,334
TOTAL:	3,46,944

Stock production and demand of raw Jute

142. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the cary over stock of raw jute from 1996-97 season;

(b) the estimated production of raw jute in 1997-98;

(c) the expected demand of raw jute in 1997-98;

(d) when the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) was instructed to intervene to maintain the Minimum support Price (MSP) level of the price in West Bengal in view of (a), (b) and (c) above;

(e) th reasons for the delay in procurement by Jute Corporation of India; and

(f) the present status of procurement by Jute Corporation of India vis-a-vis the production in 1997-98 season?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) to (e) As intimated by the JCI due to a large crop of around 102 lakh bales during 1996-97,